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1. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS ALL GOSK AND MINCULT OFFICIALS NECESSARY FOR CONTINUATION OF NYPO NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN ABSENT, EITHER IN US WITH SOV FESTIVAL OF DANCE OR ON ANNUAL LEAVE.
 2. IN LAST MEETING GOSK DIR SUPAGIN GUARANTEED RETURN OF NYPO AND PROPERTIES ON 18 SEPT VIA AEROFLOT CHARTER, OR CHARTERS AS NECESSARY. DOES DEPT WISH TO SPECIFY TYPE AND CONFIGURATION OF AIRPLANES IN CONTRACT? POST BELIEVES GOSK WILL REJECT SUCH LANGUAGE AS IT HAS NO POWER TO FORCE SPECIFICATIONS ON AEROFLOT. ADVISE.
 3. FINAL LANGUAGE OF CONTRACT AWAITS CONFIRMATION FROM MINCULT THAT REQUESTED HOTEL ROOMS GRANTED AND A DOLLAR COST FOR NYPO'S SHARE DETERMINED. CONFIRMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS, BUT GOSK HAS REPEATEDLY STATED TO EMBOFF, WEISSENSTEIN AND WEBSTER THAT FINAL COST OF ROOMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER 1 SEPT. DOES DEPT WISH US HOLD UP
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SIGNING OF CONTRACT UNTIL SPECIFICS ARE AVAILABLE?

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